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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB FROM OPERATIONS CENTER

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 24, 1977:

1. SADAT ON SOMALIA

HE TOLD AMBASSADOR EILTS HE HAS LOST FAITH IN SIAD BARRE'S HONESTY AND QUESTIONS HIS ABILITY TO MANEUVER OUT FROM UNDER SOVIET CONTROL, BUT FULLY SUPPORTS US EFFORTS TO HELP HIM DO SO. (CAIRO 8658, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. LATIN SUMMIT ON RESISTING US INTERVENTION

PRESIDENT PEREZ WAS INFORMED BY ARGENTINA'S VIDELA THAT BRAZIL AND URUGUAY ARE ORGANIZING A SUMMIT MEETING OF SOUTHERN CONE CHIEFS OF STATE TO CONSIDER REACTIONS TO
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PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA. PEREZ PLANS TO OPPOSE IT. (CARACAS 5163, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

3. SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AZIZ AHMED

CONSTABLE BELIEVES THE FOREIGN MINISTER MAY ASK ABOUT A BHUTTO VISIT TO THE US OR A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT TO

PAKISTAN. HE CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT CONCRETE RESPONSES TO THIS OR OTHER POSSIBLE REQUESTS SHOULD AWAIT A COOLING OF THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN. (ISLAMABAD 5342, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

4. ICBM SILO SHELTERS

SALT NEGOTIATOR BUCHHEIM BELIEVES THE SOVIETS HAVE COME AS CLOSE AS THEY WILL TO ACCEPTING THE US PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT ANTI-VERIFICATION SHELTERS OVER ICBM SILOS AND ARE READY TO ISSUE "PARALLEL STATEMENTS" (THOUGH NOT AN "ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT") TO THAT EFFECT. (USSCC GENEVA 4036, SECRET/EXDIS)

5. YOUNG VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

EMBASSY PRETORIA'S INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT MANY SOUTH AFRICANS WERE SURPRISED AND DISARMED BY HIS THOUGHTFULNESS AND MODERATION, BUT IT WARNS THAT WE MAY RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL PROTEST ABOUT WHETHER THE TERMS OF THE VISIT WERE ADHERED TO. (PRETORIA 2560, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

6. SSRC DENIES MEETING YOUNG

THE SOWETO STUDENT GROUP ASKS AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO DISREGARD PRESS REPORTS THAT IT HAS DENIED THAT ANY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH HIM. IT SAYS THE DENIAL WAS MADE UNDER POLICE PRESSURE, WHICH IT EXPECTS TO COOL SOON, AND IT ASKS THAT THE US NOT REBUT IT. (CAPE TOWN SECRET

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7. SECRETARY-GROMYKO MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

SADAT WELCOMED THE IDEA OF REGULAR US-SOVIET TALKS BUT FAVORED KEEPING THE RUSSIANS IN THE DARK ON DETAILS. FAHMY SAID LITTLE ABOUT HIS OWN UPCOMING TALKS WITH GROMYKO, BUT SAID THAT PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION HAD BEEN REPLACED BY THE "TERRORIST" BEGIN AS THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO RECONVENING GENEVA. (CAIRO 8679 SECRET/EXDIS)

8. SMILES AT SALT TALKS

SOVIET NEGOTIATOR SEMENOV IS DISTINCTLY UPBEAT ON PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH GROMYKO. (SALT GENEVA 4065, SECRET/EXDIS)

9. END OF BEGIN?

EMBASSY TEL AVIVI QUESTIONS WHETHER BEGIN'S LEADERSHIP
CAN EVER BE THE SAME EVEN IF HE REGAINS HIS HEALTH. IT
CONSIDERS LIKUD'S HEIR APPARENT UNPREDICTABLE IF NOT
IRRESPONSIBLE, AND BELIEVES BEGIN'S ILLNESS MAY REVIVE
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